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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE-

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stefan REMKE et al.

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EXAMINER: Davis D. Hwu

GAU: 3752

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SPRAY PYROLYSIS OR SPRAY DRYING METHOD AND FACILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Ø Additional documents filed herewith: Reply and Petition for Extension of Time (one month)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 11, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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